

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 23, 2017 at 7:30 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/17/2017

HEARING ON HB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Section A - General Government

00:01:15 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on Section A, HB 2, General Appropriations Act.

EXHIBIT(fcs60a01)

00:22:25 Chair Jones

Legislative Branch

Proponents' Testimony::

00:23:41 Susan Byorth Fox, director, Legislative Services Division

EXHIBIT(fcs60a02)

00:26:27 Amy Carlson, legislative fiscal analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:26:53 Angus Maciver, legislative auditor, Legislative Audit Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Consumer Council

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:10 Rob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

00:29:51 Sen. Moore

00:30:05 Rep. Tschida

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Governors Office

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Commissioner of Political Practices

Proponents' Testimony: None

00:33:01 Jamie McNaughton, attorney, Commissioner of Political Practices

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:29 Sen. Moore
00:40:44 Rep. Tschida
00:40:56 Sen. Sesso
00:41:24 Rep. Tschida
00:44:18 Sen. Sesso
00:44:24 Rep. Tschida
00:44:32 Sen. Whitford
00:45:03 Sen. Sesso

State Auditor

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:31 Matthew Rosendale, Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:27 Sen. Whitford
00:48:45 Rep. Tschida
00:49:55 Sen. Whitford
00:50:22 Rep. Tschida

Department of Revenue

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:08 Gene Walborn, deputy director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:22	Sen. Moore
00:57:32	Rep. Tschida
00:57:47	Sen. Moore
00:58:10	Mr. Walborn, DOR
00:58:24	Sen. Moore
00:58:32	Mr. Walborn
00:58:48	Sen. Moore
00:59:29	Mr. Walborn
01:00:16	Sen. Lang
01:01:01	Mr. Walborn
01:01:31	Cindy Trimp, DOR
01:01:44	Sen. Lang
01:01:48	Ms. Trimp
01:01:52	Sen. Phillips
01:02:08	Rep. Tschida

Department of Administration

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:04 John Lewis, director, Department of Administration

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Department of Commerce

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:01 Doug Mitchell, interim director, Department of Commerce (COM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:51	Sen. Keenan
01:11:31	Mr. Mitchell, COM
01:12:42	Sen. Sesso
01:13:26	Mr. Mitchell

01:16:00 Chair Jones

[EXHIBIT\(fcs60a03\)](#)

01:16:40 Sen. Sesso

01:17:21 Rep. Tschida

01:18:56 Sen. Sesso

01:19:21 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:19:46 Sen. Sesso

01:20:17 Sen. Caferro

Department of Labor and Industry

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:15 Pam Bucy, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DOL)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:52 Sen. Wolken

01:32:12 Rep. Tschida

01:34:15 Sen. Wolken

01:34:47 Rep. Tschida

01:35:08 Chair Jones left the meeting and Sen Moore assumed the duties of the Chair.

01:36:37 Sen. Wolken

01:37:04 Rep. Tschida

01:37:57 Sen. McNally

01:38:24 Ms. Bucy, DOL

01:40:58 Chair Moore

01:41:16 Ms. Bucy

01:43:24 Chair Moore

01:43:38 Ms. Bucy

01:44:13 Sen. Whitford

01:45:14 Sen. Caferro

01:47:16 Ms. Bucy

01:49:21 Sen. Caferro

01:50:35 Ms. Bucy

01:51:05 Sen. Jones joined the meeting.

01:51:21 Sen. Whitford

01:51:26 Ms. Bucy

01:51:50 Sen. Whitford

01:52:10 Ms. Bucy

01:52:55 Sen. Whitford

01:54:01 Rep. Tschida

01:55:41 Sen. Whitford

01:57:13 Rep. Tschida

01:58:06 Sen. Whitford

01:58:37 Ms. Bucy
 02:00:34 Sen. Whitford
 02:00:59 Ms. Bucy
 02:01:06 Sen. Whitford
 02:01:57 Rep. Tschida
 02:03:47 Sen. Whitford
 02:04:01 Rep. Tschida
 02:04:08 Sen. McNally
 02:05:22 Ms. Bucy
 02:08:26 Chair Moore
 02:09:05 Ms. Bucy
 02:10:32 Chair Moore
 02:11:04 Ms. Bucy
 02:11:36 Chair Moore
 02:11:40 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
 02:12:15 Ms. Bucy
 02:12:42 Sen. Moore
 02:12:44 Ms. Bucy
 02:13:06 Sen. Moore

Department of Military Affairs

02:13:29 Sen. Jones assumed the duties of the Chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:13:35 Matt Quinn, major general, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions of Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:34 Sen. Keenan
 02:20:17 Sen. McNally
 02:20:47 Mr. Quinn, DMA
 02:21:22 Sen. Welborn
 02:21:46 Mr. Quinn
 02:23:20 Sen. Sesso
 02:23:42 Rep. Tschida
 02:25:39 Sen. Sesso
 02:27:02 Rep. Tschida
 02:27:43 Sen. Sesso
 02:28:22 Mr. Quinn
 02:29:53 Sen. Whitford
 02:30:28 Rep. Tschida
 02:31:13 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Recessed : 10:02 AM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs60aad.pdf](#))